

REMARKS

Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected subject matter in a divisional application, if necessary.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention in Species I, comprising claims 2-6 directed to manufacturing a water-absorbing composite without traverse in this application.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,

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